



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

February 23, 2021
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Permit No. QC 1512

**MASTER PERMIT FOR THE MOVEMENT OF CITRUS BUDWOOD
ORIGINALLY COLLECTED WITHIN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES,
TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, FOR TESTING, THERAPY AND RELEASE**

Under authority of Title 3, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 3154 (Secretary May Issue Special Permits), permission is granted to the following:

Dr. Georgios Vidalakis
Director, Citrus Clonal Protection Program
Department of Plant Pathology & Microbiology
900 University Avenue
Riverside, CA 92521

to obtain shipments of citrus budwood from the Continental U.S. to Riverside County that would otherwise be prohibited by CCR Section 3250, Citrus Pests, Section 3407, Citrus Tristeza Virus, Section 3435, Asian Citrus Psyllid Quarantine, and Section 3439, Huanglongbing Disease, under the following conditions:

1. This permit authorizes the importation of Citrus and related genera (Rutaceae) plant material, from the Continental U.S. at the designated APHIS approved facility #2487. The scope of this permit authorization includes, indexing for plant pathogens (virus /viroid / phytoplasma); propagation of any plant parts that are potentially infected/infested with plant pests; plant pest diagnostic activities, continued curation, maintenance and use of derived culture/organisms and infected plant material, therapy if warranted within facility; according to CCPP Standard Operating Procedures incorporated by reference herein; with eventual release of clean plant material into the environment.
2. All persons working under this permit with the listed (CCPP SOPs) regulated materials/organisms must be informed of these permit conditions. Anyone working with these materials/organisms must agree to and sign/initial these conditions before beginning work. The signed conditions do not need to be submitted to CDFA but must be readily accessible and made available to Federal and State regulators upon request.
3. Field-collected samples of infected plant material must be bare-root or washed free of soil prior to shipment at origin. Permit holder is responsible for communicating shipment requirements before shipment at origin and is sole responsible party.
4. All packages for transport must minimally consist of both inner/primary and outer/secondary packages securely sealed so that both are effective barriers to escape or unauthorized dissemination of organisms. The inner/primary package(s) shall contain all the regulated materials and must be cushioned or sealed in such a way that it remains



sealed during shock, impact, and pressure changes that may occur. The outer/secondary container must be rigid and strong enough to withstand typical shipping conditions (dripping, stacking, impact from other freight, etc.) without opening. Permit holder is sole responsible party for ensuring compliance.

5. Upon receipt of regulated articles at the CCPP in California, shipping containers shall be opened in a secure location as identified in the SOP for said facility. All plant material will follow the standard introductory process of Therapy & Testing and release from federal and state quarantine for planting following the CCPP/National Clean Plant Network (NCPN) foundations & evaluation block for scientific and commercial uses (see SOPs) protocols per requirements/workplan of the two cooperative agreements between the University of California and the USDA-APHIS-PPQ. Permittee will provide any update to the protocols to CDFA, Permits & Regulations, permits@cdfa.ca.gov and identify this permit in the email.
6. While plants are maintained under this permit, access to restricted materials shall be restricted to authorized personnel as approved by Permit Holder. Permit Holder is sole responsible party.
7. If work conducted under Permit No. QC1512 finds any plant pathogen not known to occur in California and/or is a quarantine pathogen, regardless of the origin, the CDFA, PHPPS, Permits and Regulations, must be notified within 24 hours at permits@cdfa.ca.gov.
8. Suspect positive huanglongbing samples shall be communicated to California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), Josh Kress (joshua.kress@cdfa.ca.gov), John Chitambar (John.chitambar@cdfa.ca.gov), Victoria Hornbaker (victoria.hornbaker@cdfa.ca.gov) and CDFA Permits and Regulations program (permits@cdfa.ca.gov) within 24 hours of the determination.
9. Laboratory results for any suspect positive huanglongbing samples resulting from activity conducted under Permit No. QC1512 cannot be shared with anyone else outside of CCPP staff without obtaining written permission from CDFA. If any CCPP communicate the laboratory results for any suspect positive huanglongbing samples to a party outside of CCPP staff, CDFA will recommend action to revoke permit.
10. There is to be no further distribution of these organisms without prior written approval from State and Federal regulatory officials.
11. A copy of the valid QC1512 permit and a copy of PPQ P526P-21-00801 must accompany each shipment of approved organisms, either inside or outside the package (California Food and Agricultural Code, Section 6305).
12. The permittee shall notify the Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner at 951-955-3045 upon receipt of any shipment.

Violation of or inability to meet any of the conditions of this permit shall be sufficient cause for the immediate revocation of the permit and destruction of the plant material or return of the plant material to origin at the expense of the shipper.

Unless earlier revoked, this permit is valid until February 18, 2024.

Sincerely,

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Permits & Regulations
Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services

cc:

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